

CENTER MINING ACTIVITY IS AT JEROME

HEALTHY CONDITION OF METAL MARKET BRINGS ABOUT DEVELOPMENT OF MANY PROPERTIES.

(By William P. De Wolf)
With the metal market in the healthiest condition for many months and the stock market in equally good shape, mines in Yavapai county are being developed at a rate that seems almost impossible. Activity in the Verde copper field, at Jerome and vicinity, continues to lead all other districts in the county, although many properties in every part of Yavapai are being developed with satisfactory results.

Venture Hill Strike.
The sensation in the Jerome district during the last few days has been furnished by the Venture Hill. A week ago Thursday afternoon a round of shots opened up a body of ore in the face of the tunnel in which the principal development work has been done, revealing eight inches of native copper on the hanging wall, paralleled by a vein of malachite, from two to two and one-half feet in width. The discovery was made 275 feet from the surface, 87 feet distant from the old workings in the tunnel. Samples brought to this city were declared to be identical with the character of ore found on the 1,200-foot level of the United Verde Extension. On the following day additional shots revealed the fact that the vein is widening and is in richer ore.

U. V. Ex. Not Shut Down.
Reports were circulated among Eastern investors several days ago that the United Verde Extension had closed down operations. These rumors probably arose from the suspension of the work of sinking the winze from the 1,400-foot level several days ago. The winze will not be sunk any deeper until another main hoisting level has been run on the 1,500.

Within a few days the work of sinking the Edith shaft another 100 feet, making its total depth 1,500 feet, will be started. A level to the winze, 1,000 feet south, will then be run. This will give the United Verde Extension another main hoisting level and will prove up an immense tonnage of ore.

Progress On Dundee.
Pumps of sufficient capacity to handle any flow of water that may develop in the shaft, and a new hoist, compressor and other equipment are on the way to the Dundee-Arizona property. The Dundee shaft is now making 600 gallons of water an hour and it is reported that the new pumps are to have a capacity of 2,000 gallons an hour. Although no work has been done in the shaft since water was struck last week, the mine force has been busy since then completing the raise from the tunnel level to the cross-cut that was run westward from the 65-foot point in the shaft.

Enlarging Shaft.
Progress in enlarging the shaft on the Jerome-Verde from one to three compartments has been slow during the last week, owing to the fact that heavy ground has been encountered, into which it has been necessary to drive a great deal of piling. The shaft is now enlarged down to more than 400 feet and the heavy going will soon be passed and sandstone encountered. The water in the shaft is not bothering the workmen, it being kept just a few feet below them. The present pumps on the property are capable of emptying the workings in a few days, if necessary.

Strike In Fairview.
Considerable excitement in the Crown King district has followed the strike made recently in the Fairview mine. A sulphide ore body for the full width of the shaft has been determined. A vein 18 inches wide in the shaft is reported to have given \$90 in gold values. The shaft is located near the mouth of the tunnel and work of sinking has been under way but a short time. Until the time of the recent strike the principal work on the Fairview has been the extending of the tunnel, a three-foot body of oxidized ore, giving about \$30 in gold, having been developed.

Black Chief Active.
The perfection of plans for developing the Black Chief mines, near Dewey, has been completed and energetic development started. The main shaft being sunk from the 100-foot level is progressing rapidly and a depth of about 50 feet has been reached with ore conditions satisfactory. Sinking will continue, with other exploration, until the 300 level is reached.
The cross-cut that is being driven southward from the 500 point in the shaft of the Pittsburg-Jerome is four feet in quartz and soft talc that is heavy with copper carbonate and glance. The showing was encountered 300 feet from the shaft and owing to the soft character of the formation is considered certain that much of the copper has been leached out and will be found below. As the whole formation is pitching sharply to the north

the ore will eventually be cut by the shaft itself. All work on the property is being concentrated in the south cross-cut with a view of proving the width of the new ore body. As soon as the new road to the Pittsburg-Jerome property, now under construction, is completed the new compressor hoist and other equipment will be rushed to the mine for installation and development, which should soon bring it into the producing class will be started.

EXPLAINS PLAN TO DEVELOP FARM LANDS

(From Friday's Daily.)
Lloyd Sigler, representing the syndicate that has taken over and will colonize the lands of the Hassayampa Alfalfa Farms Company, outlined the plans of his firm at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last night. His talk was enthusiastically received and at the conclusion the members voted him assurance of the hearty co-operation and support of that body.

"I have been here for several weeks investigating the colonization project," said Sigler, "and am convinced of its merits. We realize that the first man to care for is the farmer. The irrigation business itself is the poorest business in the world and should be gone into only by the wealthy man who does not expect to get any returns for years. This company realizes that it is in for a hard pull. We have already invested in the neighborhood of half a million dollars and are ready to invest another half million if necessary.

"We will first develop 4,000 acres of the land, and later on plan to take up much more. Our largest asset here is the market. The farmer is not interested in how much he can raise but how much he can get for what he raises, and unless the farmer is successful the company cannot be successful. In developing the first 4,000 acres we want only the farmer with \$5,000; not necessarily in cash but in some resource that proves that he is not a failure, for we cannot take a failure and make a good farmer out of him. We will loan the farmer money enough to build his home and to carry him over the first year, and we will give him plenty of time to pay us back.

"We have already set aside \$15,000 for advertising and will immediately start a publicity campaign for Yavapai county and our particular lands throughout the Salt River valley and Southern California. We will not sell the land through real estate agents but through men who have been in our employ for years and know just what class of dependable farmers we want."

Frank Whisman and M. A. King also spoke at the meeting on the plan to improve the city streets by the most modern oiling and rolling methods. King is an expert on road construction and maintenance and has been engaged by the city to look after that work in Prescott.

THIRTY PER CENT COPPER FOUND IN P. J.

Special Correspondence.
JEROME, Sept. 22.—The Pittsburg-Jerome is again in the limelight as the result of another rich strike made during the last few days, and which was made public by S. S. Ballard, general manager of the property, yesterday evening.

The strike was made in the southern-west crosscut. This is the same crosscut in which ore was encountered last week, but the present strike is of richer ore and is considered of vastly more importance than any recent discoveries made in the Verde district.

The ore found is a carbonate, and from barely a trace of copper carried by the first samples taken, the ore has steadily and rapidly increased in value until the last removed yesterday afternoon is pronounced by experts to carry at least 30 per cent copper.

The crosscut is still in this new ore body, having penetrated it for a distance of 12 feet. The work of driving the crosscut forward in order to determine the extent of this new find is to be pushed with all possible vigor. If it proves to be what the management has every reason to believe it is, with the road nearing completion and the machinery ready to install, the Pittsburg-Jerome in a short time will join the ranks of the producers of the district.

BIG ORE BODY IS EXPOSED IN BANNIE

(From Sunday's Daily.)
Satisfactory reports were given yesterday by Superintendent W. L. Comer of the Bannie, situated in Walker district, and in his opinion believes the property will prove to be big when greater depth is reached. Since resuming a few months ago new ore bodies of a good milling grade have been determined by drifting, with lenses in the vein that will provide a big tonnage for shipping. The depth reached is 160 feet, and two levels are being driven, all in ore. Comer recommends, however, deeper shaft work, when it is his belief an attractive property will be demonstrated. The values are gold and copper.

FINDS IT HARD WORK TO MAKE STATEMENT

GOVERNOR SAID TO BE PUZZLED TO ACCOUNT FOR HIS PRIMARY ELECTION EXPENDITURES.

PHOENIX, Sept. 22.—Now that the primaries are over and all know who the nominees are, it is rumored on the streets and in the hotels that the governor is seriously worried to know how to make up his campaign expense account and come within the statutory provision that a candidate for governor can spend not more than \$10,000 for campaign expenses.

Besides the expenses of his army of appointees, it is pointed out that the governor must have spent several thousand dollars for newspaper and other literature. It is asserted that several hundred thousand circulars and pamphlets were printed for the governor and mailed from his office.

During the last month of the campaign he secured the services of several newspapers. For instance he had a page of Southwestern Stockman Farmer. It is stated that \$1,250 was paid for this. Then there is the State Herald. The editor of this sheet demanded \$4,000 if it supported Olney, which was turned down, then it threw its support to Governor Hunt. There is also the Messenger.

The editor of that sheet stated before election that the governor and his backers had agreed to put up \$2,500 to make a daily of that sheet, and that after a portion of the equipment had been ordered, backed out. Then the Messenger announced that its position on the governor's race would be neutral, but a few weeks before election became a rabid Hunt supporter. The management of that sheet has not yet announced whether the full \$2,500 was paid or not. The above are a few of the items which are being traced down, and which will probably be fully shown up during the campaign.

Proceedings Threatened.
Another thing that is said to be worrying the governor is the rumor that some of the candidates whom Dunbar's Weekly bitterly fought are preparing to bring criminal libel proceedings against the editors of that magazine. It is said that it would be useless to bring a civil suit for libel against that sheet as it has no property, but that it is printed in the Arizona Republican office, and that a civil libel suit will be brought against that publication under the United States law, which provides:

"A printer who prints a libel and delivers the printed copies to the author, knowing that he intends to submit them to various persons to be read becomes liable as a publisher of such libel from the moment any third person reads it."

It is also rumored that the Republican management was not aware of the provision of law until just before Dunbar's last issue before election was printed, when two pages were discarded and other matter substituted.

Heads Likely to Drop.
Another well defined rumor affecting the State house is causing a great deal of comment here. It is said that three clerks in the State land department and one in another department will shortly be looking for new jobs. It cannot be ascertained whether or not the governor is dissatisfied with their work in the campaign. Should this be the cause it is quite likely that other heads will quietly drop.

Since the election there is great activity on and around the fair grounds to get everything in readiness for the State fair. Of course the general election comes before the fair and this may cause another lull in the preparations, although that is hardly likely to occur.

Tom Campbell is here, and seems to be confident that he will pass under the wire away ahead of Hunt, November 7th. A solid Republican vote will be behind him, and it is known that hundreds of voters who voted for Hunt at the primaries will cast their ballot for Campbell in the general election. Then there is the 70 per cent of the Democratic vote that did not go to the polls, a large majority of which will go to Campbell, being thoroughly disgusted with the present Democratic administration. Campbell has discovered that he cannot rely on any of the Olney votes, as it is pointed out that that is the real Democratic vote of the State. They are the fellows who always stay with the party nominee, although they often know, as in the present case, that

it took more than the Democratic votes to nominate the men they opposed. It is also pointed out that Governor Hunt is weaker than he was two years ago. The returns now available show that his vote is several thousand short of what it was in 1914.

SMELTER SITUATION LOOKS ENCOURAGING

(From Saturday's Daily)
Cablegrams received in Prescott during the week from G. G. Lemons, at London, England, would indicate that the smelter undertaking for this city, which he projected several months ago, had materialized. Mr. Lemons sends word that he has concluded his business abroad with this object carried out and would return to Prescott in a short time. So confident was he on leaving for England to enlist financial support that he took options on certain mines of varied mineral characteristics from which to secure a product for the plant, with fluxing material as essential for successful treatment. Among the principal properties on which he made a large first payment was the Buster group of the Bradshaws, on which development is to begin forthwith.

FLOTATION MILL GOING UP AT FIRST HOME

OLD BIG BUG MINE REVIVED BY NEW OPERATORS MAKES BIG OPERATING SHOWING.

(From Saturday's Daily)
Flotation, in conjunction with other methods of treating complex ores of this field, again has triumphed in the introduction of this wonderful process for the old First Home holdings of Big Bug district, a fully equipped plant leaving the city yesterday. It is to be installed at once and will be attached to the Chilian mill taken over recently by the syndicate which purchased the above mines. Attending the revival of this property less than a month ago, determinations made in the old workings by Manager F. W. Worthington, are reliably reported by those in Prescott interested, as showing a remarkable ore condition.

The retimbering of the old shaft and cleaning out the same has reached to a point 165 feet deep, and a two-foot body of solid ore, carrying high grade galena with silver values of over 40 ounces and other bimetals, has been conclusively proven. The combined plants are to start in action next week, and shipping begins in due time, the lead to El Paso and the by-products to Bartlettville, Okla. The old First Home workings had reached a depth of over 300 feet, and operations were suspended due to the low market valuation of silver, lead, zinc and other metals. The option given to Mr. Worthington and associates followed representations made by the owner as to ore contents being conclusively outlined, and which are verified as accurate since operations have started. The plan of the new company is to begin production from levels opened up in which there is a vast tonnage, and later to reach the bottom of the old shaft, where the ore condition existing practically insures an inexhaustible supply. The new operators openly express themselves as enthusiastic over conditions, and will conduct their business on a close basis, no stock being on the market.

ORE BODY MORE THAN 30 FEET IN WIDTH

(From Saturday's Daily)
Special Correspondence.
JEROME, Sept. 22.—Superintendent McCall of the Ewing & Hooker property, while in Jerome for a few hours yesterday afternoon reported that the tunnel being driven on that property is now in to a depth of more than 260 feet; also that the ore body encountered a few days ago in driving the tunnel had proven to be something more than 30 feet in width and carries the values as then given at about \$40 in gold, silver and copper the entire distance.

ORE BODY LENGTHENS IN YUMA-WARRIOR

(From Friday's Daily.)
Local stockholders in the Yuma-Warrior Mining Company were elated upon the receipt of a telegram from Superintendent Martin to General Manager H. Wm. Stevens, stating that in the 800-foot level south, the drift was now one hundred feet in ore. A part of the vein is now in copper sulphide, and the indications are that the mine will develop with further depth into a copper property.

START TRIAL OF RESERVATION EMPLOYEES

SAN CARLOS MAN TELLS OF FINDING BODY OF TADDY TIN; INDIAN IS SECOND WITNESS.

(From Friday's Daily.)
After about 40 men had been examined, a jury was secured early yesterday afternoon in the Federal court to hear the evidence in the trial of Ashley Wilson, E. Nash and D. M. Robertson, charged with murder in connection with the killing of Taddy Tin, a Navajo Indian, on the Western Navajo Indian reservation early last February. The trial was started but only two of the witnesses for the prosecution were called to the stand before court adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning.

Frank Thackeray, superintendent of the San Carlos Indian reservation, in Gila county, was the first witness called. Thackeray said he had been instructed on the evening of February 7th to go to the Western Navajo reservation and investigate the killing of Taddy Tin. Thackeray said he consulted with United States Marshal Joe Dillon and United States Attorney Thomas A. Flynn that night and that the following morning he and the other two men left for Flagstaff.

After leaving Flagstaff, said Thackeray, he and the others went to Tuba and Kaiveto and from the latter place they were accompanied to Taddy Tin's "hogan," by Dr. Wilson, the reservation physician and Luther Williams, a stenographer. When they reached the "hogan," said Thackeray, they found that the door was closed and logs piled up in front of it. Thackeray, at the request of U. S. Attorney Flynn, conducting the prosecution, then described, for the benefit of the jurors, the construction and dimensions of the "hogan."

The witness then proceeded with his testimony and told of finding the body of the Indian in the hut. The body, he testified, was lying on its back when they entered, the Indian's feet being nearest the entrance to the "hogan." After removing the clothing from the body, Thackeray said, he noticed a wound in the center of the chest and another in front of the right shoulder. He also noticed what he thought to be a wart on the Indian's stomach, he said. Later this was found to be a bullet, the point of which was protruding through the skin. Thackeray produced the bullet from his pocket and it was admitted as evidence.

After turning the body over, testified the witness, he and the others found two more wounds, one near the right shoulder, where a bullet had evidently passed out of the body and one near the base of the spinal column, where the bullet which was found protruding from the Indian's skin had evidently entered. Thackeray then described in detail the examination of the body made by Dr. Wilson.

The second witness called by the prosecution was Do Ech Che, a Navajo, who said he was close to Taddy Tin's "hogan" when the shooting occurred. Through an interpreter Do Ech Che told of having heard Wilson, Nash and Robertson arguing with Taddy Tin. One of the white men, said the witness, finally grabbed Tin and another shot him. As they rode away, according to Do Ech Che, Robertson remarked to his companions that they had "put away the mad man" as they had been ordered. The Indian's testimony was incomplete regarding many details, and he could not give a clear account of all the incidents leading up to the shooting. He testified that at no time had he seen a gun in Taddy Tin's hands. Do Ech Che will resume his testimony this morning.

THREE PRETTY NAVAJO GIRLS WITNESSES

(From Saturday's Daily)
The Misses Huesten Clizzy Nos. 1, 2 and 3, three demure Navajo maids, were the principal witnesses called to the stand by the prosecution yesterday in the Federal court during the trial of Ashley Wilson, E. Nash and D. M. Robertson, charged with slaying Taddy Tin. The three girls were in the "hogan" in or near which Taddy Tin is alleged to have been shot and killed and each of the pretty Navajos described the incidents leading up to the alleged shooting.

Miss Huesten No. 3, as she is designated by the attorneys in the case, told of having been in the "hogan" when the three white men rode up and entered. They went inside, she said, and sat down and talked with

Taddy Tin and among themselves. Through an interpreter she said she could not understand English and paid no attention to what was said in the "hogan." When Robertson placed his hands on Taddy Tin, she said, she became frightened and ran behind one of the other men. Taddy Tin and the white men wrestled together and then went outside the "hogan." Miss Clizzy said she heard shots fired but could not tell how many. She said she only remembered one.

During her testimony she declared that neither she, Taddy Tin or any of the other Indians in the "hogan" had a revolver at the time of the shooting. She said she had seen two of the white men with guns but had not seen either of them use them.

The trial proceeded slowly yesterday, owing to the fact that the witnesses could speak little or no English and all questions had to be asked and answered through an interpreter. The Indian girls took the stand stolidly and answered all questions in a low voice, betraying neither by expression or gesture whether they approved or disapproved the slaying of Taddy Tin.

The prosecution is not expected to finish examining its witnesses before Monday. The court room was filled with spectators almost every minute of the trial yesterday and the majority, who expected to hear some startling evidence, went away disappointed.

SAYS HE SHOT TADDY TIN IN SELF-DEFENSE

(From Sunday's Daily)
The prosecution tentatively concluded the examination of its witnesses in the trial of Ashley Wilson, E. Nash and D. M. Robertson, charged with slaying Taddy Tin, in the Federal court yesterday. Two of the defendants, Wilson and Nash, were placed on the stand by Attorney E. S. Clark, in charge of the defense, and testified regarding the incidents which led up to the struggle with Taddy Tin which resulted in the latter's death.

Wilson, a tall, dark-haired young fellow, told a straightforward story on the stand. He described a previous attempt to arrest Taddy Tin which was abandoned on account of bad weather. On the occasion of the shooting, he said, he had a warrant from the superintendent of the reservation for the arrest of the Indian. The warrant was introduced as evidence. He told of having attempted to overpower the Indian in the "hogan" of another Navajo and admitted having shot Taddy Tin, but said he did so only when the Navajo, one of the most powerful members of the tribe, had drawn a gun.

Nash, a slender, boyish-looking fellow, told a similar story. He said he was an old friend of Wilson's and had met him by appointment at the Kaiveto store about the middle of January and from there had gone with Wilson when the latter attempted to arrest the Navajo. Nash said he had seen Taddy Tin frequently about the store at Kaiveto and that the Indian always went about armed. Nash said he was outside the "hogan" when the shooting occurred.

When turned over to United States Attorney Flynn, Nash was subjected to a long and grueling cross-examination. Every possible detail was questioned by Flynn and the questions shot at Nash so fast that he was forced at times to stop and think for several moments before answering. The prosecution was unable to shake the main points in Nash's testimony but succeeded several times in getting the witness tangled up on distances, directions and time. The case will be continued Monday. On the whole, the defense had a shade the better of the trial yesterday, holding its own in spite of the vigorous attempts of the prosecution to break down the testimony that the Indian had been killed in self-defense.

STEPHENS NEW CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

(From Sunday's Daily)
Harmony with a capital "H" prevailed at the meeting of the Republican County Central Committee meeting yesterday. The business of importance transacted was the selection of a chairman, secretary and treasurer and the choosing of nine delegates to the Republican State Central Committee meeting, which takes place tomorrow at Phoenix.

E. W. Stephens was the unanimous choice of the committee for chairman and like unanimity prevailed in the selection of Celora M. Stoddard as secretary and H. C. Storey as treasurer. The nine delegates to the State committee are: LeRoy Anderson, Roy N. Davidson, Celora M. Stoddard, Ray C. Lane, Ed. Kurmeyer, H. C. Storey, R. E. Morrison, Evan A. Bonham and E. S. Smith.

The appointment of finance, campaign and executive committees was left to the chairman, who announced that he would make his selections later.

The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

SCHOOL FUND INCREASED

YUMA, Sept. 23.—Two hundred thousand dollars was added to the school fund today at an auction sale of school lands. The land brought \$30 an acre, improved, and \$100 an acre for wild land.

STATEMENT OF ROBERTSON IS ADMITTED

LEGAL ARGUMENTS TAKE UP TIME IN TRIAL OF THREE MEN CHARGED WITH MURDER.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Legal arguments regarding the admission as evidence by the prosecution of a statement alleged to have been made to Frank Thackeray by D. M. Robertson following the death of Taddy Tin, occupied much of the trial in the Federal court yesterday of Robertson, E. Nash and Ashley Wilson. Attorney E. S. Clark, for the defendants, objected to the admission of the statement, contending that it had been made by Robertson when the latter was led to believe that it would not be used against him.

The United States attorneys claimed that when Robertson had started to make the statement to Thackeray, the latter had warned him that he might be tried for the slaying of Taddy Tin. Therefore, they contended, the statement had been entirely voluntary. After decisions on similar incidents had been cited, the court ruled that the statement be admitted and the jury, which had been excused during the argument, returned to the court room and the trial was resumed.

Robertson was placed on the stand and questioned regarding certain questions and answers included in his statement to Thackeray, who investigated the slaying of Taddy Tin. On cross-examination by a United States attorney, Robinson told of his appointment as a truant officer on the Western Navajo reservation January 10th and of the two subsequent trips he made to arrest Taddy Tin. He was closely questioned regarding his knowledge of the duties of an Indian truant officer and the instructions given him when he was sent out with the warrant for Taddy Tin. The cross-examination of Robertson was concluded late yesterday afternoon, just before court adjourned to this morning.

LOCAL DRIVERS INVITED TO ENTER RACES

(From Saturday's Daily.)
Any Prescott speed fiend who believes he is a second Barney Oldfield or Dario Resta will be given an opportunity to prove his ability during the State fair at Phoenix, according to a letter received yesterday by the Chamber of Commerce from T. D. Shaughnessy, secretary of the fair commission.

So many requests were received from drivers and owners of cars in the Southwest for races confined to local entries and so much objection from local drivers to paying all the prize money to Barney Oldfield and other professional drivers, that the fair commission decided this year to confine these races to drivers and cars from Arizona, New Mexico and Texas only.

The commission has applied to the American Automobile Association to sanction a road race from Douglas to Phoenix, November 13th and track races Saturday, November 18th, at Phoenix. For the road race a purse of \$1,250 will be hung up, divided, first, \$600; second, \$400, and third, \$250. In the 100-mile track race a purse of \$2,000 will be offered, divided proportionately among the first four to cross the wire at the finish.

In addition to these purses, a \$100 silver trophy will be awarded for the car entered in the name of any city or town in Arizona making the best time in the five-mile elimination contest held just prior to the 100-mile race. To the driver of this car \$150 in cash will be awarded. This event will be known as the State championship silver trophy race.

Any local driver desiring further information regarding the Phoenix races can obtain it at the Chamber of Commerce.

FORCE INCREASED ON THE GOLD BLOSSOM

(From Sunday's daily.)
Superintendent F. A. Johnson, of the Gold Blossom Mining Co., who was a visitor yesterday, stated that three shifts had been placed at work during the week that deep development might be vigorously carried out. A new hoist, air compressor and other apparatus have been installed and the plan is to reach a depth of fully 500 feet, before production will be considered. Mr. Johnson also stated that a 24-inch ore body had been determined on the 240-foot level, and the taking over of the Ruth mill is under consideration. The Gold Blossom is financed for large operations.